

One important community between those two cities is the Village of South Glens Falls, which will celebrate its centennial this year. It's a village with an interesting heritage and, at the same time, all the resources needed for an equally exciting future. I'd like to say a few words this morning about South Glens Falls.

Like the city across the river, South Glens Falls takes its name, and has built its life, around the falls in a bend of the Hudson River. There, also, is the site of the famous cave mentioned in James Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans."

And like many other communities in the area, the birth of South Glens Falls was intimately tied to the lumber and paper-making industries. Its official beginning as a distinct entity was on August 8, 1895. Voters petitioned the formation of the village to find a source of wholesome water for its inhabitants. Funding was approved by a local bond vote in early 1896, and the village began building a water system fed by a series of springs, pumps, standpipes, and distribution piping.

A new sewer system was constructed during the twenties and thirties, but more stringent regulations in the seventies and eighties led to major reconstruction projects.

The village is justifiably proud of its success in cleaning up the Hudson River for future generations to enjoy. Adding to the quality of life was the inclusion of a walk/bike trail along the river and refurbishing the old brick treatment plant into a museum, which will be dedicated this summer.

The village is also known for its excellent school system, and other amenities that enhance living, but it has never lost its small-town character. Mr. Speaker, the character of America was forged in exactly such small towns and villages, where such virtues as thrift, hard work, and care for one's neighbors abound.

All summer long those small-town virtues and 100 years of existence will be celebrated in South Glens Falls. The highlight will be the week of August 7 to 13, featuring a parade and museum dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in saluting Mayor Robert Phinney, other village officials, and the entire populace of South Glens Falls, with all our best wishes toward a second century of growth and prosperity.

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR. W.C. HELVESTON**

**HON. SONNY CALLAHAN**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 1995*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay special tribute to a man who has for years been a dedicated and faithful public servant in Mobile County, AL. This gentleman is only the second person to have served as administrator of Alabama's second largest county in more than 70 years, and is owed an enormous debt of gratitude by the people of that area. Mr. Speaker, it is for this reason that I, on behalf of the citizens of Mobile County, recognize Mr. W.C. Helveston.

Mr. Helveston was educated in the Mobile County public school system. He then went on to attend the University of Alabama and Spring Hill College, graduating with a degree

in business administration. Mr. Helveston worked for a period of time with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad before becoming an administrative assistant with the Mobile City Commission in 1961. It was 10 years later that W.C. Helveston made his entrance into local government as the administrator of Mobile County.

During his tenure in this office, Mobile County has flourished beyond expectation, and Mr. Helveston has made a very important contribution to this growth. He has seen the county's general fund budget go from \$4 million in the early seventies to more than \$104 million today. He has overseen a highway construction program that is one of the largest and best in our State. In addition, through untiring efforts with the U.S. marshal service, Mr. Helveston secured \$1 million in Federal funds for the construction of the Metro Jail.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on for hours listing W.C. Helveston's various accomplishments and contributions to Mobile County. However, it is his undying commitment to make county government professional and responsive to the people that has been his greatest gift to the people of this county.

Mr. Helveston's commitment to Mobile County has always reached far beyond his position as administrator. At a time when many find it difficult to make time to give something back to the community, W.C. Helveston has been an outstanding exception. One of his most notable areas of community involvement has been with the Mobile County Mental Health Association, where he served on the executive board. The gentleman is a civil servant in the truest sense.

Oftentimes, many in this great Nation are eager to point the finger of blame or find fault with our leaders. Rarely do we take the opportunity to recognize the dedicated and faithful public service of many of our officials. It is for this reason that I take such great pleasure in honoring one such outstanding individual, W.C. Helveston, for all he has given to the citizens of Mobile County, AL.

**TRIBUTE TO DR. ERWIN HOWARD BRAFF**

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 1995*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Erwin Howard Braff, who passed away on May 21, 1995. He was 71 years of age.

Dr. Braff was director of communicable diseases in San Francisco when the AIDS epidemic reached the Nation's consciousness. In fact, Dr. Braff supervised the individual who first alerted the gay community to the public health threat of AIDS. Erwin Braff served the department of health for 29 years until his retirement in 1984, as director of communicable diseases. Later, Dr. Braff played a leading role in passage of an anti-HIV/AIDS discrimination ordinance in Tiburon.

Erwin Braff served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, attended the University of California, Los Angeles, and began medical school at the University of California, San Francisco. After finishing medical school, he received a master's degree in public health

from Johns Hopkins University and worked for the department of health in Tacoma, WA.

Erwin Braff was an active volunteer on the American Civil Liberties Union's San Francisco Hotline; a member of the California Democratic Central Committee; a member of the Health Council of Marin; Marin AIDS Advisory Commission; American Jewish Committee; and Marin Interfaith Council; board member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and treasurer of the Marin AIDS Political Action Committee. He was twice nominated for the Human Rights Commission's Martin Luther King Award.

Mr. Speaker, Marin County, and this Nation owes a great deal of gratitude for the tireless efforts of Dr. Erwin Howard Braff over the years. He was a friend and will be missed by all of us who knew him. I extend my condolences to his wife, Janet and his two sons Mitch and David.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO BARBARA AND NICK CARTER**

**HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 1995*

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a very special couple who will celebrate a milestone wedding anniversary on June 26, 1995.

In these turbulent times, it is so wonderful to recognize Barbara and Nick Carter, a couple who have honored their vows to each other for 50 years.

Their romance began at Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD. He was a football star; she was a cheerleader. After Nick served in the Army Air Force during World War II, where he was a prisoner of war, Nick and Barbara wed on June 26, 1945.

In 1969, they left many family and friends in Maryland and moved to Elkins, WV, where Nick managed the Davis & Elkins College Bookstore. In 1975, Nick became city clerk, a position he held until his retirement in 1988. Barbara also worked at Davis & Elkins College, in the admissions office, for 18 years. They are now retired and enjoying their hobbies. They are avid bridge players. Nick enjoys golfing while Barbara enjoys gardening and tole painting.

They are also devoted to their children and grandchildren. They raised four children: Denise Carter O'Gorman of San Diego, CA; Melanie Carter-Maguire of Catharpin, VA; Lauren Cater Campbell of Brattleboro, VT; and Ernest (Tad) Carter III of New York City. They are the proud grandparents of Andrew, Alison, Katherine, Ian, and Colin. their family and friends, many of whom live in my district, will gather on June 24 to wish them well.

I would like to add my best wishes to this special couple for the years to come and to commend them for their inspiring life together.